# PRICE FIXING PROVES FATAL 30,000 TRUCKS TO COAL MEN

"Snowbirds" Driven Out of Freight Congestion to Be Business by Garfield Says Representative.

The "snow bird" is going to have his inning during the Reed committee's investigation of the sugar and coal shortages. Congressmen from West Virginis, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, where the "snow bird" used to thrive, are taking up the cudgels in his behalf, because they believe his extinction is the reason in large part for the coal famine. Furthermore, several of them blame the Fuel Administration for his demise.

A "snow bird." if you do not live in one of the States named, is the operator of a small wagon mine off the raffroads, or, if on the railroads, too small to compete with the bigger mines shiping by rail. Before the Fuel Administration fixed prices on soft coal, there were thousands of snow birds. They supplied the small towns of the Middle West, in large part, and some of them kept down railroad congestion by serving the cities.

"Snowbirds" Killed Off.

Will have a capacity of three tons. To ship the trucks themselves by rail would require 15,000 forty-ton freight cars. The total tonnage that will be taken off the overburdened railroads through this method is therefore over haif a million tons. It will relieve 17.350 forty-ton freight cars for other service. Comprehensive plans have been worked out for the routes, A trunk in between Detroit and New York has been laid out. To it in the West will branch feeder routes from all the supply centers and from it in the "snow bird." if you do not live

the eoal industry of this nation a bard blow and done more to decrease the output than any other single act that could have been done. No provision was made for the fellow with the thin vein or the bad roof or who mined block coal. No provision was made for the fellow who ran the wagon mine and hauled coal to the railroad. And these fellows in the past produced a great part of the coal of the country. Now they are

### Sunday Theater Openings

leverest kiddle actor imaginable and ly chorus. Two vaudeville specialties were introduced. Akin, Hayden and Melver couses the amused enthusiasm of his

ALL MEN AT HOME SHOULD PREPARE FOR WAR

The first test a man is put thrufor either war or life insurance is an examination of his water. This is most essential because the kidneys play a most important part in causing premature old age and the most essential because the kidneys one passing thru the kidneys the sooner comes decay—so says Dreierce of Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. who further advises all people who are past thirty to preserve the vitality of the kidneys and free the blood from poisonous elements, such as uric add—drink plenty of water—sweat some daily and take Anuric, double strength, before meals.

This Annuric is a late discovery maid and then as a Viking queen,

and take Anuric, double strength, before meals.

This An-u-ric is a late discovery of Dr. Pierce and is put up in tablet form, and can be obtained at almost any drug store. For that backache, lumbago, rheumatism, "rusty" joints, swollen feet or hands, due to uric acid in the blood, Anuric quickly dissolves the uric acid as hot water does sugar. Take a little Anuric before meals and live to be a hundred. Send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce for trial package of Anuric.—Adv.

# TO SEAPORTS

Avoided by Taking Machines Overland.

will have a capacity of three tons.

"Snowbirds" Killed Off.

And then, to quote Representative Cascar E. Bland, of Idiana, "along came Dr. Garfield to assume office as First Administrator."

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past produced a great part of the coal of the country. Now they are not able to operate."

The tale of the snow bird will be told before Senator Reed's committee if Middle Western Representatives can get a chance.

Senator Reed said yesterday he hoped the committee would finish the first part of the sugar investigation today and get a start on its work of investigating the coal famine. He still hoped to have Gov. Cox. of Ohio, present early this week. who impersonates the culinary director of the Brown household.

Gayety—Bowery Burlesque.

Plenty of pep and ginger was Joe

Ilurtig's byword when he gathered his
artists for the Bowery Burlesquers,
which opened its week's engagement
before two packed houses at the Gayety Theater yesterday. This company
shot over one punch after another,
which kept the audience in a per-Peli's—Buster Brown.

Buster Brown and Tige stepped right off the funny page on to the stage of Poli's last night.

Boy and dog are just the same lovable, prankish pair that have delighted kiddles and grownups for years in Outcault's cartoons.

Plenty of complications thicken the lost to fust the consistency that

olot to just the consistency that with a cast of stars, marks Hurtig's rails Buster. Two love affairs that has been gone askew, and a visiting been seen on the wheel this season begins aunt who threatens to make Frank Harcourt and Billy Foster, the Brown home a most uncomfortable place, give Buster plenty of
scope to exercise hig talent for boyish roguery. Incidentally, he earns
the incalculable sum of \$15\$ for himself and Tige by getting rid of the
self and Tige by getting rid of the nwelcome aunt and a French count tho shows a disposition to like unerican girls too well.

Master Gabriel, as Buster, is the

sustains the character with a fresh-ness and real sense of comedy that rouses the amused enthusiasm of his audience. He was especially attractive in the Boy Scout song, when clad in olive drab, puttees and campaign hat, he rides the faithful Tige cially written for the organization, were "Everything That a Girl regar Bixley, a Washington boy. Should Be," "Down South Every-Edgar Bixley, a Washington boy. Should Be," "Somewhere in "Down in Borneo Isle."

Loew's Columbia-Geraldine Farrar.

Farrar appears first as a Breton fisher-maid and then as a Viking queen, after which the story develops into a



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came Dr. Garfield to assume office as Fuel Administrator."

"He immediately gave ear to all the big consumers demanding lower prices." said Mr. Bland yesterday. "without proper consideration and without the coal producer being heard, the coal dictator arbitrarily fixed a price on coal of \$1.70 for screenings and \$1.90 for mine run.

"The fixing of this price has struck the coal industry of this nation a hard blow and done more to decrease the output than any other single act that could have been done. No provision was made for the fellow with the thin vein or the bad roof or who proportunity for all along the route of the condition."

What to order all he need do is to whip out this little book and find under the proper index the vital phrase "What soup will you have" in both French and German. Also, when he is not putting the book to practical use, he may fill in many profitable moments by reading concise compilations of historisation that there will be a fine points out that there will be a fine found fifty pages of words which will found fifty pages of words which will most likely be needed. Careful selec-

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### Slips, Slides, Laughs Punctuate Footsteps On D. C.'s Icy Streets

"I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance." It was not the stream that was once the inspiration for a poet which said this yesterday, but a number of feminine shoppers without their "skid chains."

'Twas a merry day for the person who disregarded Mr. Hoover's orders and had accumulated much

avoirdupois as the result.

One of the most interesting, if not amusing, anecdotes concerned a fair co-ed in the city for the weekend, who envied the young cav-alry officer wearing spurs so that he could dig into the thickly ac-cumulated ice and keep his dignity.

# ARMY TO ESTABLISH

Drafted Men to Be Equipped for Essentional War Work.

cational Training.

The new department will co-operate with the War Department and Shipping Board in making up the shortage of skilled men for essential was work.

James P. Munroe, of Boston, vice chairman of the board, is organizing the department, Its first task will be to train 15.000 radio and buzzer operators for the United States Signal Corps. Training of 4.000 will be completed early in 1918.

All kinds of skilled workers are needed. It is planned to train such

needed. It is planned to train such conscripted men as have not been called, as well as material supplied through the nation's schools.

### Gus J. Karger Elected Press Club President

of the Liberty Loans; Raymond B. Morgan, New York Herald; C. R. Mitchell, New York Times, and George L. Edmunds, New York Sun.

#### \$500,000 FOR LIBERTY LOAN.

Akron, Ohiq, Dec. 16.—Several thou-send stockholders of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company today sub-scribed \$500,000 to the liberty loan and set aside \$1,100,000 for old age pensions, the first year, up to Ja:
employes' insurance and other welfare
work. A report showed a total surplus in the treasury of \$25,122,824, 83
after payment of dividends.

Men who recover, either

## U.S. Prisoners of War To Be Interned Abroad

Sick and Wounded Americans Probably Will Be Given Haven In Switzerland-Men Not Totally Incapacitated are Benefited.

In an effort to safeguard in every iliness or their wounds, sufficiently possible way the welfare of Amerito enable them to return again to cans who may fall into Germany's the fighting lines, are permanently hands as prisoners of war, negotiations are to be undertaken for longer fit for the hardships of war the internment of sick and wounded are returned to their countries and their ferrities of countries and prisoners in Switzerland.

prisoners in Switzerland.

Just what this Swiss internment
means to the well-being of these
prisoners, and how the whole system of internment on neutral soil
works, is set forth in a report brought to this country recently by the Swiss commission.
Rules for the treatment of pris-

oners of war in belligerent coun-tries are fully laid down in our treaties and in agreements of The Hague tribunal. Prior to this war, however, no arrangements existed for the care, in neutral countries, of

Members of the National Press
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for the coming year: President,
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Morgan, New York Herald; C. R.

history.

A bureau of internment was created by the surgeon general of Switzerland in January, 1916, and a test made with 100 German and 100 French prisoners suffering from therculosis.

Outside the surgeon as employed in agriculture, and as butchers, jewelers, barbers, shoet surgeon and strength of the surgeon and surgeon and iron workers.

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Work is obligatory for every interned man whose health permits

the bureau handled 52,500 French;
4,600 Belgians; 5,500 English; 47,300
Germans and Austrians.

Men who recover, either from their

the beneat of the Swiss interpretation from the camps are ample.

Recreation halls have been established near each of the intern-

are returned to their countries and their families.

These permanently interned pris-oners are given opportunities to learn trades or to further their education. The Swiss universities have taken up the work of caring for students interns, and these men are permitted to follow courses of study at the principal intellectual centers of Switzerland. They are, however, subject to the same military discipline in force in interment regions. More than fifty shops have been opened at which the men are given

opened at which the men are given employment. Thirty of these are in the part of Switzerland where German prisoners are held; twenty in the sections occupied by allied prisoners. Women have taken an active part in organizing "Pro Captives" work, and the list of articles produced in these shops include slippers, arresons, are pasted and the surgeous trees. surgeons' aprons, basket and rattas work, inlaid and carved woodwork, toys, hammocks, tennig nets, laces and cushions, shades, candy boxes, calendars, shoes, electric lights and

Obliged to Work.

Since that time approximately tened man whose health permits 200,000 prisoners have been exchanged through Switzerland. In the first year, up to January, 1917, the bureau handled 52,500 French;

Work is obligatory for every interned man whose health permits it but the prisoners work for their own welfare and re-education, not for the benefit of the Swiss.

Mail Christmas parcels early.

Postmaster Chance yesterday reiterated his warning and declared that
Christmas parcels would not, as in previous years, take prece all other matter. Government mail, particularly that pertaining to the draft and War and Navy Departments, will take prece-dence over all other mail. Cards containing a mailing schedule

and distributed throughout the All Christmas mail should be sent later than dates in the schedule owing: California and the Far Southwest, December 16; Illinois, Iowi and other States of the Middle West ber 18; New England States, December 18; New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky December 19; Washington, D. G., De

ment centers, and Swiss philan-thropic agencies, as well as the Y. M. C. A. and the Catholic Mis-sion of Health, have done much to make the life of these interns not only bearable, but measurably pleasant.

WAR MAIL PRECEDES

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

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tonians to Mail Gifts Early.

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